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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 6 November 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Central African Republic (S/1997/821, S/1997/828, S/1997/840 and S/1997/849)*

Georgia (S/1997/827)**

Other matters

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* To be followed by a formal meeting following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

** Possibly followed by a formal meeting following the adjournment of the formal meeting on the Central African Republic.

RESUMED TENTH EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 6th plenary meeting of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly will be held on Thursday, 13 November 1997, at 10 a.m., to consider agenda item 5 (Illegal Israeli actions in occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory) (A/ES-10/6 and Corr.1 (English only) and Add.1).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 16th meeting — Conference Room 4

Consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under all agenda items (items 62-82) (A/C.1/52/INF/1)

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

11 a.m.-1 p.m. — 13th meeting — Conference Room 4

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [85] (A/52/20, A/52/307, A/C.4/52/L.8)

General debate

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.4/52/L.8

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 30th meeting — Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Sectoral policy issues [96]

   (a) Industrial development cooperation

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.16

2. Environment and sustainable development [98] (A/52/25, A/52/112, A/52/217-S/1997/507, A/52/284, A/52/318, A/52/347, A/52/447-S/1997/775, A/52/460, A/52/514-S/1997/815)

   (a) Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (A/52/3, A/52/413)

   (g) Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21 (A/52/280, A/52/413)

   General discussion (concluded)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 31st meeting — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Environment and sustainable development [98] (A/52/25, A/52/112, A/52/217-S/1997/507, A/52/284, A/52/318, A/52/347, A/52/447-S/1997/775, A/52/460, A/52/514-S/1997/815)

(c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/52/413)

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/52/413, A/52/441)

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/52/319, A/52/413)

Introduction and general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 27th meeting — Conference Room 1

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [110] (A/52/3, A/52/18, A/52/187, A/52/432, A/52/463, A/52/471, A/52/528, A/52/116-S/1997/317, A/52/254-S/1997/567, A/52/301-S/1997/668, A/52/447-S/1997/775)

Rights of peoples to self-determination [111] (A/52/139, A/52/413, A/52/485, A/52/495, A/52/286-S/1997/647, A/52/447-S/1997/775)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 28th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [105]

   Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [106]

   Introduction of draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.16/Rev.1

2. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [108]

   Introduction of draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.24 and L.25

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [102]

Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.11/Rev.1

Crime prevention and criminal justice [103]

Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.4, L.6, L.7, L.8, L.22 and L.23

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [110] (A/52/3, A/52/18, A/52/187, A/52/432, A/52/463, A/52/471, A/52/528, A/52/116-S/1997/317, A/52/254-S/1997/567, A/52/301-S/1997/668, A/52/447-S/1997/775)

Rights of peoples to self-determination [111] (A/52/139, A/52/413, A/52/485, A/52/495, A/52/286-S/1997/647, A/52/447-S/1997/775)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 3

Human resources management [153] (A/52/438, A/C.5/51/55 and Corr.1, A/52/7, paras. 107 to 112, and A/C.5/52/2)

Introduction and general discussion

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [115]

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

Report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (A/52/278 and A/52/519)

Introduction and general discussion

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116] (A/52/6 (Vol. I and II), A/52/16 and Add.1 and A/52/7 (Chapter II, Part IV-IX)

Policy coordination and sustainable development (Part IV, section 7)

Africa: New Agenda for Development (Part IV, section 8)
Economic and social information and policy analysis (Part IV, section 9)
Development support and management services (Part IV, section 10)
Trade and development (Part IV, section 11A)
International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (Part IV, section 11B)
Environment (Part IV, section 12) Human settlements (Part IV, section 13)
Crime control (Part IV, section 14)
International drug control (Part IV, section 15)

Economic and social development in Africa (Part V, section 16)
Regional commission (Part V, section 16 A)
Regional Commissions New York Office (Part V, section 16 B)
Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific (Part V, section 17)
Economic development in Europe (Part V, section 18)
Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Part V, section 19)
Economic and social development in Western Asia (Part V, section 20)
Regular programme of technical cooperation (Part V, section 21)

Human rights (Part VI, section 22)
Protection of and assistance to refugees (Part VI, section 23)
Palestine refugees (Part VI, section 24)
Humanitarian assistance (Part VI, section 25)

Public information (Part VII, section 26)

Administrative services (Part VIII, section 27) Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management (Part VIII, section 27 A)
Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts (Part VIII, section 27 B)
Office of Human Resources Management (Part VIII, section 27 C)
Support services (Part VIII, section 27 D)
Conference services (Part VIII, section 27 E)
Administration, Geneva (Part VIII, section 27 F)
Administration, Vienna (Part VIII, section 27 G)
Administration, Nairobi (Part VIII, section 27 H)

General discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment for the expenses of the United Nations (A/51/11 and Corr.1-2))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 2

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-ninth session [147] (A/52/10)

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the International Law Commission

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* Following the adjournment of the 23rd meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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WORKING GROUP ON THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

10 a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwadan Citizens Responsible for the Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States Between 1 January and 31 December 1994

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)
2.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal meeting

There will be a briefing by Mr. Hama Diallo, Executive Secretary of the Permanent Secretariat of the Convention on Desertification, on the results of the First Conference of the Parties on Desertification *today*, 6 November 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. A representative of the International Fund for Agricultural Development will also address the briefing. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Copies of the revised non-paper prepared by the Secretariat on preparations for the forty-second session of the Commission on the Status of women are available for delegations at the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC 2-1216).

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Copies of the advanced unedited version of the "Report of the Secretary-General on Observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (1996) and Recommendations for the Rest of the Decade", submitted under General Assembly agenda item 97 (f), are now available for delegations (outside of room S-2994).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 6 November 1997

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 97 (g) and (h))

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

FRENCH LANGUAGE WORKSHOP ON THE STRUCTURE AND DRAFTING OF THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Forum

There will be a meeting of the International Women's Forum *today*, 6 November 1997, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Forum will be addressed by Mrs. Sadako Ogata, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, on "Refugees: Crises and Challenges". Participants are asked to be seated by 10.45 a.m. Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Panel

A panel on "Consequences of and policy responses to below-replacement fertility", organized by the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in conjunction with its Expert Group Meeting on Below-Replacement Fertility, will be held *today*, 6 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in *Conference Room 6*. The panel will be comprised of Professor Antonio Golini of the University of Rome, Dr. Britta Hoem of Statistics Sweden, Dr. Zhenghua Jiang, Deputy Minister and Professor of the State Family Planning Commission of China, Dr. Elise Jones of Princeton University and Professor Sergei Zahkarov of the Russian Institute of Economic Forecasting, and will be moderated by Mr. Joseph Chamie, Director of the Population Division, DESA. Members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations, members of the press and staff members are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution of the Third Committee on the strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization (item 112 (b) *today*, 6 November 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Informal meeting

There will be a police contributors meeting on the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti (UNTMIH) *today*, 6 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9. The meeting will be chaired by Lieutenant General Manfred Eisele, Assistant Secretary-General for Planning and Support, Department of Peacekeeping Operations. There will be a briefing on a possible follow-on mission in Haiti.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 3 November 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 7 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	33rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 2
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 24th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal meetings

There will be a briefing by Ms. Angela King, Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, on the issue of "Gender mainstreaming: A Challenge to Business as Usual?" on Friday, 7 November 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

There will be a panel discussion on "Havana+50: New Challenges for the International Trading System" on Tuesday, 11 November 1997 , from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD will serve as moderator. The Panelists invited are: H.E. Mr. Tofail Ahmed, Minister for Commerce and Industry, Bangladesh, H.E. Mr. Nacer Benjelloun-Touimi, Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations, Geneva, Mr. Douglas Worth, Chairman, Trade Committee of the U.S. Council for International Business, Washington, D.C., Mr. Eduardo Delgado-Bermúdez, Director-General of the Cuban Association of the United Nations, Havana and Mr. Geza Feketekuty, Director, Center for Trade and Commercial Diplomacy, Monterey Institute of International Studies, San Diego.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 1998 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will meet on Friday, 7 November 1997, at 10 a.m.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 11 November 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the International Association of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations on Monday, 10 November 1997, from 12 noon and 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.27 on small arms on Friday, 7 November 1997, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the General Assembly draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the World Social Summit on Friday, 7 November 1997, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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Informal consultations will be held on the draft resolution on agenda items 39 (b) and (c) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks; Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and fisheries by-catch and discards) on Friday, 7 November 1997, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Informal presentation

Mr. Richard Feachem, Director of the Health, Nutrition and Population Team, and Mr. Alex Preker, Principal Economist of the Human Development Department, will make an informal presentation on "World Bank Strategies for Human Development" on Wednesday, 12 November 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The presentation is organized by the World Bank. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations, agencies and the press are invited to attend.

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Symposium

A symposium on the theme: "The United Nations and the Global Environment in the 21st Century: From Common Challenges to Shared Responsibilities", organized by the United Nations University, in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), will be held on Friday and Saturday, 14 and 15 November 1997, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

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Announcement

The Coffee Morning and Briefing by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Canada, H.E. Mr. Lloyd Axworthy, scheduled for Friday, 7 November 1997, at 10 a.m. at the West Terrace of the United Nations Delegates' Dining Lounge, has been cancelled as a result of unforeseen circumstances. However, in lieu of the Coffee Morning and Briefing, a briefing by Ms. Jill Sinclair, Director of the Non-Proliferation, Arms Control and Disarmament Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Canada, will take place on Friday, 7 November, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Ms. Sinclair will provide information relating to preparations for the Ottawa Conference, its agenda and post-Conference follow-up.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 4 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 20th meeting

Pattern of conferences [119]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Egypt, Paraguay (on behalf of the Rio Group), Cuba, Japan and the Republic of Korea.

The Chairman of the Committee on Conferences made a concluding statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services also made a concluding statement and responded to questions posed.

A representative for the Office for Human Resources Management responded to questions posed.

The representatives of Saudi Arabia, the Syrian Arab Republic and Cuba made statements.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item subject to the receipt by the Committee of the comments of the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on "Enhancing cost-effectiveness in implementing legislative mandates" (A/51/946). The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would be held under the chairmanship of Mr. Ho Teng Yen (Singapore).

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

Political affairs (Part II section 2); Peacekeeping operations and special missions (Part II section 3); Peaceful uses of outer space (Part II section 4)

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this part of the budget and heard statements by the representatives of Egypt, Grenada (on behalf of CARICOM), Indonesia, Iraq, Portugal, Mali, Argentina, Cuba and the Syrian Arab Republic

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of Part II sections 2, 3 and 4.

International Court of Justice (Part III section 5); Legal affairs (Part III, section 6)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/7 (Chapter II, Part III)).

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination also introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/16).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Cuba, Mexico and Indonesia.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee and the Controller responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of Part III sections 5 and 6.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Cuba, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) and Portugal.

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 21st meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-ninth session [147]

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria, Sweden, the Netherlands, the United States, China, Jamaica, Tanzania, Venezuela, Canada, Germany, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Bahrain, Australia, South Africa, Morocco and Guatemala.

The Chairman made a statement.

Wednesday, 5 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

45th plenary meeting

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [30]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/342 and Corr. 1 and Add. 1);

(b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.11)

The representative of Cuba made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.11.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, Ghana, Colombia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Viet Nam, Mexico, Botswana, Zambia, Myanmar, Malaysia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Namibia, Jamaica, Venezuela, the Syrian Arab Republic, Iraq, the Russian Federation and the United Republic of Tanzania.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), China, Indonesia and Argentina.

By 143 votes to 3, with 17 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.11 (resolution 52/10).

Statements in explanation of vote after vote were made by the representatives of Japan, the United States, Brazil, Canada and Costa Rica.

The representative of Cuba made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 30.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that agenda item 48, entitled "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)", would be taken up as the first item on Monday, 10 November, in the morning.

46th plenary meeting

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)]

The representative of Peru made a statement.

Since one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be filled, the General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to an eighth round of balloting (first restricted ballot).

The results of the eighth round of balloting (first restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Saint Lucia	135
Peru	27

On the eighth round of balloting (first restricted ballot), having obtained the required two thirds majority, Saint Lucia was elected a member of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1998.

The following eighteen States were elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1998: Algeria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Colombia, Comoros, India, Italy, Lesotho, Mauritius, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Poland, Saint Lucia, Sierra Leone, United States and Viet Nam.

The representative of Saint Lucia made a statement.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 15.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 15th meeting

Introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security and agenda items

The Committee began the third phase of its work, namely, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements by the representative of Sweden (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.22), the Netherlands, Pakistan (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.41), Algeria (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.36), Colombia (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.21), Israel, Germany (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.31) and Romania.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 12th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [85]

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the United States, Chile, Romania, Indonesia, China, Malaysia, Uruguay (also on behalf of member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, as well as Bolivia and Chile)) and India.

The Committee decided to waive rule 78 of the rules and procedure of the General Assembly which required the 24 hour ruling before any draft proposal and amendment could be put to a vote and would therefore take action on Thursday, 6 November, on the draft resolution contained in document A/C.4/52/L.8 which is scheduled to be published the same day.

SECOND COMMITTEE 29th meeting

Note: The summary of the 29th meeting of the Second Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/216).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 21st meeting

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [142 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Mexico, Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.4 (Death and disability benefits) and also introduced draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.7 (Third-party liability: temporal and financial limitations).

Reform of the procedure for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment

The representative of Mexico, Coordinator of informal consultations, informed the Committee on the result of the consultations held on this question.

The Chairman stated that a decision on the above questions would be taken at the next meeting.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

Policy coordination and sustainable development (Part IV, section 7); Africa: New Agenda for Development (Part IV, section 8); Economic and social information and policy analysis (Part IV, section 9); Development support and management services (Part IV, section 10); Trade and development (Part IV, section 11A); International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (Part IV, section 11B); Environment (Part IV, section 12); Human settlements (Part IV, section 13); Crime control (Part IV, section 14); International drug control (Part IV, section 15)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/7 (Chapter II, Part IV).

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination also introduced and orally revised the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/16).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines (also on behalf of the ASEAN Countries), Mongolia (on behalf of the Group of Land-locked Developing Countries), Bolivia, Bangladesh, Cuba, Mali, Kenya, the United States, the Bahamas, India, Ghana, Zimbabwe and Mexico.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee and the Controller responded to questions posed.

The representative of Egypt also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of Part IV, sections 7 to 15, pending statements by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) and Egypt.

Economic and social development in Africa (Part V, section 16); Regional commission (Part V, section 16 A); Regional Commissions New York Office (Part V section 16 B); Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific (Part V, section 17); Economic development in Europe (Part V, section 18); Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Part V, section 19);Economic and social development in Western Asia (Part V, section 20); Regular programme of technical cooperation (Part V, section 21)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/7 (Chapter II, Part V).

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination also introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/16).

Statements were made by the representatives Paraguay (on behalf of the Rio Group), the Philippines (on behalf of the ASEAN countries) and Thailand.

22nd meeting

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [142 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.4

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Uruguay also made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution as orally revised by the Coordinator at the Committee's 21st meeting.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.7

The Chairman made a statement.

Following a statement by the representative of the United States, the Chairman announced that further consultations would be conducted by the representative of Mexico, Coordinator of informal consultations, on this matter.

Reform of the procedure for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment

The Committee decided, without a vote, to defer consideration of this question until the second part of the resumed fifty-second session.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [143]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Under-Secretary-General for the Office of Internal Oversight Services who introduced the annual report of that office for the period 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 (A/52/426).

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Saudia Arabia and Algeria.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [114]

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Under-Secretary-General for the Office of Internal Oversight Services who introduced the reports of that office (A/51/933 and A/52/339).

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

Economic and social development in Africa (Part V, section 16); Regional commission (Part V, section 16A); Regional Commissions New York Office (Part V, section 16 B); Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific (Part V, section 17); Economic development in Europe (Part V, section 18); Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Part V, section 19); Economic and social development in Western Asia (Part V, section 20); Regular programme of technical cooperation (Part V, section 21)

The Committee resumed its consideration of these sections.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, Romania, the United States, Cuba and Algeria.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The representative of Ghana also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement

SIXTH COMMITTEE 22nd meeting

Note: The summary of the 22nd meeting of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/216).

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1997 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES 2nd meeting

Statements regarding pledges [3]

Statements were made and pledges announced by members of the Conference.

The Secretary made a statement.

The representative of the Philippines made a statement.

Adoption of the report [2]

The Conference adopted its draft report contained in document A/CONF.182/L.1.

Closure of the Conference

The Administrator, United Nations Development Programme, the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund and the Deputy-Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, made concluding remarks.

The Officer-in-Charge, New York Office of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), made a statement.

The President made a concluding statement and declared the 1997 Pledging Conference for Development Activities closed.

COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY — 188th meeting

The Chairman spoke.

Question of privileges and immunities

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and the United States. A statement was made by the observer for Azerbaijan.

Consideration of the draft report of the Committee

The Rapporteur introduced the draft report (A/AC.154/1997/CRP.2).

The representative of Côte d'Ivoire and the observer for Kazakhstan made statements.

The Committee adopted parts I to III of the report.

Other matters

The Chairman spoke.

Statements were made by the representative of the United States, Cyprus and France.

The observer for Malaysia also made a statement.

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE — 232nd meeting

Request by South Africa to become a member of the Committee

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee approved the request by South Africa to become a member of the Committee subject to the approval of its request by the General Assembly.

The representative of South Africa made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Afghanistan, Senegal and the Permanent Observer of Palestine.

Report by the Chairman on the International NGO Meeting and European NGO Symposium on the Question of Palestine, held at Geneva from 25 to 28 August 1997

The Chairman made a statement.

Consideration of the draft report of the Committee to the General Assembly (A/AC.183/1997/CRP.2)

The Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the Committee.

The Committee adopted its annual report for submission to the General Assembly.

Other matters

Statements were made by the Observer of Palestine and the Chairman of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, opened for signature at Paris on 13 January 1993

Ratification: Russian Federation (5 November 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 6 November 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 7 November 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.45 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

The Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (sanctions review)

Other matters

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	1365th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

RESUMED TENTH EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 6th plenary meeting of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly will be held on Thursday, 13 November 1997, at 10 a.m., to consider agenda item 5 (Illegal Israeli actions in occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory) (A/ES-10/16).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 1998 PROGRAMMES OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 4

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 4

Consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under all agenda items (items 62-82) (A/C.1/52/INF/1)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m	32nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	33rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Environment and sustainable development [98] (A/52/25, A/52/112, A/52/217-S/1997/507, A/52/284, A/52/318, A/52/347, A/52/447-S/1997/775, A/52/460, A/52/514-S/1997/815)

(c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/52/413)

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/52/413, A/52/441)

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/52/319, A/52/413)

Conclusion of the general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on draft proposal A/C.2/52/L.8 (item 95 (b))

Afternoon**-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.8 (item 95 (b)), A/C.2/52/L.14 (item 97 (d))

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the 32nd meeting of the Second Committee.

** Immediately following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. International drug control [104]

   Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.14 and Corr.1

2. Advancement of women [105]

Implementation of the Outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [106]

Action on draft proposals L.16/Rev.1, L.18, L.20/Rev.1 and L.21*

3. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [110] (A/52/3, A/52/18, A/52/187, A/52/432, A/52/463, A/52/471, A/52/528, A/52/116-S/1997/317, A/52/254-S/1997/567, A/52/301-S/1997/668, A/52/447-S/1997/775)

Rights of peoples to self-determination [111] (A/52/139, A/52/413, A/52/485, A/52/495, A/52/286-S/1997/647, A/52/447-S/1997/775)

Conclusion of general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions [112] (A/52/3, A/52/116, A/52/173, A/52/254-S/1997/567, A/52/262, A/52/286-S/1997/647, A/52/301-S/1997/668, A/52/347, A/52/432, A/52/437, A/52/447-S/1997/775)

2. Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)] (A/52/40, A/52/44, A/52/182, A/52/359, A/52/387, A/52/445, A/52/446, A/52/507, A/52/511)

Introduction and general discussion

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* Re-issued for technical reasons.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 3

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/52/101/ Rev.1 and A/C.5/52/5)

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/52/102/Rev.1 and A/C.5/52/6)

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors (A/52/103 and A/C.5/52/7)

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (A/52/104 and A/C.5/52/8)

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (A/52/105 and A/C.5/52/9)

(f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission (A/52/106 and A/C.5/52/10)

(g) Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee (A/52/107 and A/C.5/52/11 and Add.1)

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 2

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-ninth session [147] (A/52/10)

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the International Law Commission

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* Following the adjournment of the 25th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwadan Citizens Responsible for the Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States Between 1 January and 31 December 1994

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)
2.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal meeting

There will be a briefing by Ms. Angela King, Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, on the issue of "Gender mainstreaming: A Challenge to Business as Usual?" *today*, 7 November 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Copies of the revised non-paper prepared by the Secretariat on preparations for the forty-second session of the Commission on the Status of women are available for delegations at the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC 2-1216).

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Copies of the advanced unedited version of the "Report of the Secretary-General on Observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (1996) and Recommendations for the Rest of the Decade", submitted under General Assembly agenda item 97 (f), are now available for delegations (outside of room S-2994).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 7 November 1997

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)
(on the Committee on Information)

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 97 (h), 98 (f) and 95 (a): A/C.2/52/L.4)

10 a.m.-12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on the United Nations reform)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 95 (b), 98 (d) and 96 (b)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on item 112)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 97 (c), 97 (g) and 98 (b)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.27 on small arms *today*, 7 November 1997, from 9.30 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency) *today*, 7 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the General Assembly draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the World Social Summit *today*, 7 November 1997, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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Informal consultations will be held on the draft resolution on agenda items 39 (b) and (c) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks; Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and fisheries by-catch and discards) *today*, 7 November 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. Conference Room B.

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Announcement

The Coffee Morning and Briefing by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Canada, H.E. Mr. Lloyd Axworthy, scheduled for *today*, 7 November 1997, at 10 a.m. at the West Terrace of the United Nations Delegates' Dining Lounge, has been canceled as a result of unforeseen circumstances. However, in lieu of the Coffee Morning and Briefing, a briefing by Ms. Jill Sinclair, Director of the Non-Proliferation, Arms Control and Disarmament Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Canada, will take place on Friday, 7 November, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Ms. Sinclair will provide information relating to preparations for the Ottawa Conference, its agenda and post-Conference follow-up.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 3 November 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 10 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m.	47th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [48].
2. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/52/1) [10].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 1

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 1

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	34th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	35th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 4

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2

WORKING GROUP

Morning*	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 26th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 14th meeting on Monday, 10 November 1997, at 10 a.m. to begin consideration of agenda item 88 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects).

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to agenda item 88 are kindly requested to notify the Secretariat (room S-3380, tel: 963-9223).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal meeting

There will be a panel discussion on "Havana+50: New Challenges for the International Trading System" on Tuesday, 11 November 1997 , from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD will serve as moderator. The Panelists invited are: H.E. Mr. Tofail Ahmed, Minister for Commerce and Industry, Bangladesh, H.E. Mr. Nacer Benjelloun-Touimi, Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations, Geneva, Mr. Douglas Worth, Chairman, Trade Committee of the U.S. Council for International Business, Washington, D.C., Mr. Eduardo Delgado-Bermúdez, Director-General of the Cuban Association of the United Nations, Havana and Mr. Geza Feketekuty, Director, Center for Trade and Commercial Diplomacy, Monterey Institute of International Studies, San Diego.

There will be a briefing by Mr. Gert Rosenthal, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean, entitled "Revitalizing the Regional Commissions", on Wednesday, 12 November 1997 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows:

On 12 November: Mr. Hammarberg (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Human Rights in Cambodia), Mr. Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar), Mr. Amor (Special Rapporteur on the Elimination of all Forms of Religious Intolerance), Mr. Garreton (Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire), Mr. Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Burundi), Mr. Paik (Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan), Mr. Dieng (Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti), Mr. Deng (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons), Mr. Groth (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Cuba).

On 13 November: Mrs. Rehn (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)), Mr. Biro (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Sudan), Mr. Moussali (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda).

On 17 November: Mr. van der Stoel (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq), Mr. Copithorne (Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 11 November 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Mason Group on Monday, 10 November 1997, at 9 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the International Association of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations on Monday, 10 November 1997, from 12 noon and 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The Contact Group on Bosnia and Herzogovina of the Organization of the Islamic Conference will meet on Monday, 10 November 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Informal presentation

Mr. Richard Feachem, Director of the Health, Nutrition and Population Team, and Mr. Alex Preker, Principal Economist of the Human Development Department, will make an informal presentation on "World Bank Strategies for Human Development" on Wednesday, 12 November 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The presentation is organized by the World Bank. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations, agencies and the press are invited to attend.

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Symposium

A symposium on the theme: "The United Nations and the Global Environment in the 21st Century: From Common Challenges to Shared Responsibilities", organized by the United Nations University, in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), will be held on Friday and Saturday, 14 and 15 November 1997, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 5 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 29th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [98]

(a) *Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development*

(g) *Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21*

The Committee began consideration of the item and had before it the documents listed in the *Journal*.

Introductory statements were made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

The Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Contention on Climate Change made a statement introducing agenda item 98 (c).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union; Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus aligned themselves with this statement), the United States, Bangladesh, the Russian Federation, Paraguay (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, and Honduras (for the Central American States)), China, Israel, India, Morocco, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Pakistan, Slovakia and Kazakhstan.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The representative of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

At the request of the Group of 77 and China, the deadlines for the submission of draft proposals under item 97 (e) was extended to Friday, 7 November at 6 p.m, and under items 97 (g) and (h) to Monday, 10 November at 6 p.m.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania made a statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The Executive Secretary of the Permanent Secretariat of the Convention on Desertification responded to a question raised.

The Committee then decided to postpone consideration to 13 November of agenda item 98 (b) and (d).

SIXTH COMMITTEE 22nd meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-ninth session [147]

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, the Republic of Korea, Ghana, Costa Rica, Argentina, Liechtenstein, Niger, Tunisia, Chile, India, Greece, Uruguay and the Russian Federation and the observer for Switzerland.

The Chairman made a statement.

Thursday, 6 November 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

3829th meeting

The situation in the Central African Republic

Letter dated 27 October 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1997/821)

Letter dated 4 November 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Central African Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/1997/840)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Central African Republic, at his request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1997/849, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the representative of the Central African Republic.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1997/849) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1997/849) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1136 (1997).

3830th meeting

The situation in Georgia

Report of the Secretary-General concerning the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia (S/1997/827)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Georgia and Germany, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1997/50).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 16th meeting

Note: The summary of the 16th meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/217).

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 13th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [85]

The representative of India (on behalf of the Chairman of the Working Group of the Whole on International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee) introduced draft resolution A/C.4/52/L.8.

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Tunisia, Pakistan, the Russian Federation and Ukraine.

The Director for Outer Space Affairs made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Chile and Pakistan.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/52/L.8, as orally amended, without a vote.

The Committee concluded consideration of agenda item 85.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement

SECOND COMMITTEE 30th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [98]

(a) *Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development*

(g) *Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21*

The Committee continued consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Tunisia, Malaysia (also on behalf of Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam), the Syrian Arab Republic, Guatemala (also on behalf of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama), Ethiopia, Mexico, Guyana, Algeria, Kenya, Japan, Canada, Ukraine, Belarus, Norway, Iceland, Venezuela, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iraq, the Republic of Korea, Turkey and the People's Democratic Republic of Korea.

A statement was made by the observer for Switzerland.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the World Meteorological Organization.

31st meeting

Sectoral policy issues [96]

(a) *Industrial development Cooperation*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.16

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Environment and sustainable development [98]

(a) *Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development*

(g) *Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21*

The Committee continued consideration of the item.

The representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement.

The representative of the United States made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 98 (a) and (g).

Environment and sustainable development [98]

(c) *Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind*

(e) *Convention on Biological Diversity*

(f) *Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States*

The Committee began consideration of the item and had before it the documentation listed in the *Journal*.

Introductory statements were made by the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Director of the Division for Sustainable development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union; Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus aligned themselves with this statement), the United States, Samoa (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), the Marshall Islands, Myanmar, Guinea, Malta and Slovakia.

The representative of the South Pacific Forum, an intergovernmental organization, also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Secretary made a statement.

Right of reply

The representative of Iraq made a statement in exercise of her right of reply.

THIRD COMMITTEE 27th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [110]

Right of peoples to self-determination [111]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Special Rapporteur on the Use of Mercenaries to Undermine the Right of the Peoples to Self-determination, the Special Rapporteur on Measures to Combat Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance and the Director, New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Iceland), Egypt, Angola (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), Ecuador, Cuba, the United States, Guyana (on behalf of CARICOM), Brazil, Israel, Liechtenstein, China, Ukraine and South Africa.

The observer for the League of Arab States also made a statement.

28th meeting

Advancement of women [105]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft proposals

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.16/Rev.1

The representative of Norway, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Chile, New Zealand, Nigeria, the Philippines, Romania, Singapore and the United Republic of Tanzania introduced the draft resolution.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [108]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft proposals

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.24

The representative of Namibia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Colombia, Denmark, Liberia, New Zealand, the Niger, Spain, Suriname, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Austria, Costa Rica, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland and San Marino joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.25

The representative of the United Kingdom, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Algeria, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Estonia, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, Mozambique, Namibia, Samoa and Singapore, introduced the draft resolution.

Subsequently Angola, Barbados, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Eritrea, Guyana, Kenya, Mali, the Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Solomon Islands and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [102]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.ll/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Colombia, Finland, Italy, Jamaica, Malta, Turkmenistan and the United States had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Subsequently, Barbados, Bolivia, Israel, Kenya, Malaysia, Mali, the Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Viet Nam joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution without a vote.

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [103]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.4

By its resolution 1997/22, the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.4.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.6

By its resolution 1997/24, the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.6.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.7

By its resolution 1997/25, the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.7.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.8

By its resolution 1997/26, the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.8.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.22

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Kenya orally revised the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.23

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that the Bahamas, Chile, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Poland, Swaziland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and the United States had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Côte d'Ivoire, Ireland, Israel, Lesotho, Morocco, Slovakia and Solomon Islands joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [110]

Right of peoples to self-determiniation [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration and heard statements by the representatives of Iraq, Turkey, Albania, Pakistan and the Russian Federation.

Right of reply

The representatives of the United States and Iraq made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 23rd meeting

Human resources management [153]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Managment who introduced the reports of that office (A/52/438, A/C.5/51/55 and Corr.1 and A/C.5/52/2)

The representative of Romania made a statement.

The representative of Belgium also made a statement.

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [115]

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

Report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

The Chairman of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board introduced the report of the Board (A/52/278).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/52/519).

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

Policy coordination and sustainable development (Part IV, section 7)
Africa: New Agenda for Development (Part IV, section 8)
Economic and social information and policy analysis (Part IV, section 9)
Development support and management services (Part IV, section 10)
Trade and development (Part IV, section 11A)
International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (Part IV, section 11B)
Environment (Part IV, section 12)
Human settlements (Part IV, section 13)
Crime control (Part IV, section 14)
International drug control (Part IV, section 15)

The Committee resumed its general discussion on this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Romania, Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Norway and Cyprus), Egypt and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of Part IV, sections 7 to 15.

Economic and social development in Africa (Part V, section 16)
Regional commission (Part V, section 16 A)
Regional Commissions New York Office (Part V, section 16 B)
Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific(Part V, section 17)
Economic development in Europe (Part V, section 18)
Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Part V, section 19)
Economic and social development in Western Asia (Part V, section 20)
Regular programme of technical cooperation (Part V, section 21)

The Committee resumed its general discussion on the relevant sections of Part IV of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Cuba, Ghana (on behalf of the African Group), Ethiopia, Côte d' Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the United States and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Controller responded to questions posed.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Indonesia and Brazil.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of Part V, sections 16 to 21.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 23rd meeting

Note: The summary of the 23th meeting of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/217).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, adopted at the Fourth Meeting of the Parties at Copenhagen on 25 November 1992

Ratification: Jamaica (6 November 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of such Inspections, opened for signature at Vienna on 13 November 1997

Open for signature until 30 June 1998, in accordance with article 4 (5)

Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) of 1991, adopted at Geneva on 17 January 1997

Open for signature until 31 October 1998, in accordance with article 6 (1)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 10 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 47th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [48].

2. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/52/1) [10].

RESUMED TENTH EMERGENCY
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 6th plenary meeting of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly will be held on Thursday, 13 November 1997, at 10 a.m., to consider agenda item 5 (Illegal Israeli actions in occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory) (A/ES-10/16).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 1

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under all agenda items (items 62-82) (A/C.1/52/INF/1)

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 1

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [88] (A/52/209, A/C.4/52/L.9)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	34th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	35th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Macroeconomic policy questions [95] (A/52/284, A/52/347, A/52/447-S/1997/775, A/52/460, A/C.2/52/4)

(b) Trade and development (A/52/15 (Parts I and II), A/52/329, A/52/413, A/52/459)

Introduction and general discussion

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.5 (item 99 (a), A/C.2/ 52/L.7 and L.9 (item 99 (b))

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the 35th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Advancement of women [105]

   Introduction of draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.15/Rev.1

2. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [107]

   Introduction of draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.26, L.27, L.28, L.29, L.30

3. Human rights questions [112] (A/52/3, A/52/116, A/52/173, A/52/254-S/1997/567, A/52/262, A/52/286-S/1997/647, A/52/301-S/1997/668, A/52/347, A/52/432, A/52/437, A/52/447-S/1997/775)

4. Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)] (A/52/40, A/52/44, A/52/182, A/52/359, A/52/387, A/52/445, A/52/446, A/52/507, A/52/511)

   Conclusion of the general discussion.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

(A/52/6 (Vol. II), A/52/16 and Add.1 and A/52/7 (Chapter II, Part VI-XII, and Income section)

Human rights (Part VI, section 22)
Protection of and assistance to refugees (Part VI, section 23)
Palestine refugees (Part VI, section 24)
Humanitarian assistance (Part VI, section 25)

Public information (Part VII, section 26)

Administrative services (Part VIII, section 27)
Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management (Part VIII, section 27 A)
Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts (Part VIII, section 27 B)
Office of Human Resources Management (Part VIII, section 27 C)
Support services (Part VIII, section 27 D)
Conference services (Part VIII, section 27 E)
Administration, Geneva (Part VIII, section 27 F)
Administration, Vienna (Part VIII, section 27 G)
Administration, Nairobi (Part VIII, section 27 H)

Internal oversight (Part IX, section 28)

Jointly financed administrative expenses (Part X, section 29)
Special expenses (Part X, section 30)

Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance (Part XI, section 31)

Staff assessment (Part XII)

Income section

General discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [115]

   Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

   Report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (A/52/278 and A/52/519)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [143] (A/51/432, A/51/530 and Corr.1, A/51/801, A/52/426, A/52/464 and A/C.5/52/12)

   Continuation of general discussion

3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [114]

   Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/933 and A/52/339)

   Continuation of general discussion

4. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [138] (A/51/519/Add.5 and Corr.1 and A/52/546)

   Introduction and general discussion

5. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116] (A/52/6 (Vol. II), A/52/16 and Add.1 and A/52/7 (Chapter II, Part VI-XII, and Income section)

   Continuation of general discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
Morning*- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on the International Law Commission

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* Following the adjournment of the meeting of the Working Group.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

UNITED NATIONS STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE

9 a.m.- 11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Copies of the advanced unedited version of the "Report of the Secretary-General on Observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (1996) and Recommendations for the Rest of the Decade", submitted under General Assembly agenda item 97 (f), are now available for delegations (outside of room S-2994).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 10 November 1997

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on item 112)

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 97 (g) and (e) and 98 (b))

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 97 (h) and 98 (f))

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 95 (b), 98 (d) and 96 (b))

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 97(e) and 98(b))

3.15 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

CONTACT GROUP ON BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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There will be a meeting of the Mason Group on Monday, 10 November 1997, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the International Association of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations on Monday, 10 November 1997, from 12 noon and 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.23 on anti-personnel landmines on Monday, 10 November 1997, from 10 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 3 November 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 11 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 1

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 1

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Morning*	36th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	37th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the informal meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 4

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 26th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

The 12th meeting of the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals) will be held on Tuesday, 11 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, on the actions contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950).

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

In accordance with the announcement made by the President of the General Assembly on 27 October 1997, the Coordinator of the Informal Consultations on item 20 and all its sub-items, H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria), will hold the first meeting of the Informal Consultations on Wednesday, 12 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8, for a preliminary exchange of views on the questions to be considered under the item and on the organization of the work of the Informal Consultations.

Bearing in mind that the debate on item 20 is scheduled to be held in the Plenary on Monday, 24 November, delegations are invited to present any initiative (draft resolution) they might have to the informal meeting on 12 November.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

There will be a video-conference on "Havana+50: New Challenges for the International Trading System" on Tuesday, 11 November 1997 , from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, will serve as moderator in New York and H.E. Mr. Nacer Benjelloun-Toumi, Permanent Representative of Morocco, will serve as moderator in Geneva. The Panelists invited are: H.E. Mr. Tofail Ahmed, Minister for Commerce and Industry, Bangladesh, Mr. Douglas Worth, Chairman, Trade Committee of the U.S. Council for International Business, Washington, D.C., Mr. Eduardo Delgado-Bermúdez, Director-General of the Cuban Association of the United Nations, Havana and Mr. Geza Feketekuty, Director, Center for Trade and Commercial Diplomacy, Monterey Institute of International Studies, San Diego.

There will be a briefing by Mr. Gert Rosenthal, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean, entitled "Revitalizing the Regional Commissions", on Wednesday, 12 November 1997 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows:

On 12 November: Mr. Hammarberg (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Human Rights in Cambodia), Mr. Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar), Mr. Amor (Special Rapporteur on the Elimination of all Forms of Religious Intolerance), Mr. Garreton (Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire), Mr. Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Burundi), Mr. Paik (Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan), Mr. Dieng (Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti), Mr. Deng (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons), Mr. Groth (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Cuba).

On 13 November: Mrs. Rehn (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)), Mr. Biro (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Sudan), Mr. Moussali (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda).

On 17 November: Mr. van der Stoel (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq), Mr. Copithorne (Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran).

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The Committee on Relations with the Host Country will meet on Thursday, 13 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to consider an addendum to the annual report of the Committee (A/AC.154/1997/CRP.2/Add.1).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 11 November 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

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Informal presentation

Mr. Richard Feachem, Director of the Health, Nutrition and Population Team, and Mr. Alex Preker, Principal Economist of the Human Development Department, will make an informal presentation on "World Bank Strategies for Human Development" on Wednesday, 12 November 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The presentation is organized by the World Bank. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations, agencies and the press are invited to attend.

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Symposium

A symposium on the theme: "The United Nations and the Global Environment in the 21st Century: From Common Challenges to Shared Responsibilities", organized by the United Nations University, in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), will be held on Friday and Saturday, 14 and 15 November 1997, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

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Informal briefing

On behalf of the Friends of Microcredit at the United Nations, the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh, will hold an informal briefing on the follow-up of the Microcredit Summit held in Washington D.C. from 2 to 4 February 1997, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, on Monday, 17 November 1997, at 5.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The main presentation will be given by Professor Muhammad Yunus, Managing Director, Grameen Bank. In addition, a presentation will be given by Mr. Sam Daley-Harris, Director, Microcredit Summit Campaign. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 6 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 16th meeting

Introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security and agenda items

The Committee continued the third phase of its work, namely, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements by the representatives of Japan (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.27 and L.28), Canada (who introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/52/L.1 and L.30), Mexico, South Africa, Uruguay (on behalf on the MERCOSUR countries (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay), as well as of Bolivia and Chile), Gabon (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.6), India (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.15), Indonesia, on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries (who introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/52/L.9, L.10, L.11/Rev.1, L.12 and draft decision A/C.1/52/L.13), Paraguay (on behalf of States Members of the Rio Group), Malaysia (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/ L.37), the Philippines, Mali (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.8*), Sri Lanka (who introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/52/L.19 and L.20), Slovakia, Kenya (on behalf of the Group of African States (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.25 and L.26), South Africa, Pakistan (also on behalf of Bangladesh) (who introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/52/L.38 and L.39), the United States (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.33/Rev.1), the Netherlands (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.43), Paraguay (on behalf of the States Members of the Rio Group), Argentina (on behalf of States Members of the Rio Group), Germany (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.18), the United Kingdom and Australia (who introduced draft decision A/C.1/52/L.7).

SIXTH COMMITTEE 23rd meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-ninth session [147]

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Slovenia, France, New Zealand, Austria, Australia, Bahrain, Egypt, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Ukraine.

The Chairman also made a statement.

Friday, 7 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 17th meeting

Note: The summary of the 17th meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/218).

SECOND COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

Environment and sustainable development [98]

(c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The Committee continued consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Jamaica (also on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago and Suriname), Japan, Brazil, Australia, Turkey, Papua New Guinea, China and Maldives.

The observer for Switzerland also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that agenda item 12 would be considered on Tuesday, 11 November, followed by agenda item 97 (f). On Wednesday, 12 November, the Committee would continue consideration of agenda item 97 (f), and on Thursday, 13 November, the Committee would consider agenda item 98 (b) and (d).

33rd meeting

Environment and sustainable development [98]

(c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The Committee continued consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Iceland, Trinidad and Tobago, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Solomon Islands, Venezuela and Vanuatu.

Statements were made by the representatives of the World Meteorological Organization and the World Bank.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 98 (c), (e) and (f).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 29th meeting

International drug control [104]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.14 and Corr.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Barbados, Lesotho, Malaysia, Mozambique, Poland, Senegal, Swaziland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Advancement of women [105]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft proposals

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.18

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

It was announced that Azerbaijan, the Bahamas, Colombia, Croatia, India, Suriname, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Venezuela, joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Burundi, Guyana, Namibia, Viet Nam and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.20/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Colombia, the Netherlands, Poland, Thailand and Turkmenistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, the Dominican Republic, Guyana, Ireland, Israel and Kenya joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.21

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Armenia, Brazil, Colombia, the Czech Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Estonia, Guinea, Iceland, Lesotho, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, the Philippines, Slovakia, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently Latvia and Mauritius joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the Netherlands made a statement.

30th meeting

Advancement of women [105]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [106]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.16/Rev.1**

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Norway orally revised the text.

It was announced that Austria, Finland, Italy, Malaysia and Sweden joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Egypt, Monaco and China.

A statement was also made by the observer of the International Organization for Migration.

A statement was also made by the representative of the United Nations Population Fund.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that the meeting scheduled for Monday, 10 November, at 10 a.m. was cancelled. He announced that there would be an informal dialogue for all interested delegations with the Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child on Friday, 14 November 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

The Secretary informed the Committee of the programme of work for the afternoon of Monday, 10 November, and announced that action would be taken on Tuesday, 11 November, on documents A/C.3/52/L.15/Rev.1, L.24 and L.25 and any draft resolutions under item 107 (Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) that might be ready.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 24th meeting

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/52/101/Rev.1 and A/C.5/52/5)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. E. Besley Maycock (Barbados) and Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania) to a three-year term of office beginning 1 January 1998.

Following a proposal by the Chairman, statements were made by the representatives of Mauritania, Lesotho (on behalf of the African Group), Mali, Egypt, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Ethiopia, the Sudan, Sierra Leone and Zambia.

The Chairman of the Committee ruled that in accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly the Fifth Committee would proceed to vote on the candidatures of Mr. Mahamane Amadou Maiga (Mali), Mr. C.S.M. Mselle (United Republic of Tanzania), and Mr. M.M. Ould El Cheikh Ghaouth (Mauritania).

The Committee then proceeded to vote, by secret ballot, on the three candidatures of the African States to fill the two seats of that region and the two candidatures of the Asian States to fill the one seat of that region.

The result of the secret ballot was as follows:

African States:

Mr. C.S.M. Mselle (United Republic of Tanzania)	147 votes
Mr. Mahamane Amadou Maiga (Mali)	129 votes
Mr. M.M. Ould El Cheikh Ghaouth (Mauritania)	55 votes

Asian States:

Mr. Hasan Jawarneh (Jordan)	113 votes
Mr. Ahmad Fathi Al-Masri (Syrian Arab Republic)	58 votes

Having obtained the majority of votes, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of Mr. C.S.M. Mselle (United Republic of Tanzania) and Mr. Mahamane Amadou Maiga (Mali) and Mr. Hasan Jawarneh (Jordan) to serve for a three-year term of office beginning 1 January 1998.

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/52/102/Rev.1 and A/C.5/52/6)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. David Etuket (Uganda), Mr. Prakash Shah (India), Mr. Kazuo Watanabe (Japan) and Mr. David Leis (United States of America),to a three-year term of office beginning 1 January 1998.

The Committee then proceeded to vote, by secret ballot, on the three candidatures of the Eastern European States to fill the two seats of that region.

The result of the secret ballot was:

Mr. Uldis Blukis (Latvia)	128 votes
Mr. Ihor Humenny (Ukraine)	127 votes
Mr. Jan Kinst (Czech Republic)	79 votes

Having obtained the majority of votes, the Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Uldis Blukis (Latvia) and Mr. Ihor Humenny (Ukraine) to serve for a three-year term of office beginning 1 January 1998.

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors (A/52/103 and A/C.5/52/7)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint the Comptroller and Auditor-General of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for a three-year term of office beginning 1 July 1998.

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (A/52/104 and A/C.5/52/8)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly confirm the appointment by the Secretary-General of Mr. Ahmed Abdullatif (Saudi Arabia), Mr. J.Y. Pillay (Singapore) and Mr. Fernando G. Chico Pardo (Mexico) to the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning 1 January 1998.

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (A/52/105 and A/C.5/52/9)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Mikuin Leliel Balanda (Democratic Republic of the Congo), Mr. Chittharanjan Felix Amerasinghe (Sri Lanka) and Mr. Hubert Thierry (France) to the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning 1 January 1998.

(f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission (A/52/106 and A/C.5/52/10)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Ku Tashiro (Japan), Mr. Joao Augusto de Medicis (Brazil), Mr. Mario Bettati (France), Ms. Lucretia Myers (United States of America) and Mr. Alexis Stephanou (Greece) to a four-year term of office beginning 1 January 1998.

As a result of the resignation of Mr. Alexander V. Chepourin (Russian Federation), the Committee also decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Alexei Fedotov (Russian Federation) to fill the remainder of the four-year term beginning on the date of appointment and expiring on 31 December 2000.

(g) Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee (A/52/107 and A/C.5/52/11 and Add.1)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Carlos Dante Riva (Argentina), Mr. Tadanori Inomata (Japan), Mr. Gerhard Kuntzle (Germany), Mr. Vladimir Kuznetsov (Russian Federation), Mr. Philip Richard Okanda Owade (Kenya), and Ms. Susan Shearouse (United States of America) to a three-year term of office beginning 1 January 1998.

The Committee also decided, on the proposal of the Chairman, to postpone to a later meeting, the appointment of the two remaining members, respectively from the Group of African States and the Group of Asian States.

The Chairman declared this stage of the consideration of agenda item 17 concluded.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 24th and 25th meetings

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty ninth session [147]

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Cameroon, Slovakia, Australia, India, Bahrain, Israel, Portugal, Myanmar, Algeria, Italy, Brazil, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Bangladesh, Canada, the Republic of Korea and Argentina, as well as by the observer for Switzerland.

The Special Rapporteurs for the topic "Nationality in relation to succession of States" and for the topic "Reservations to Treaties" made statements.

The Chairman of the International Law Commission made a closing statement.

The Committee concluded its debate on the item.

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AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROGRAMME OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES FOR 1998 1st meeting

The Vice-President of the General Assembly (Egypt) opened the meeting and made a statement. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees made a statement.

Statements and announcements regarding pledges were made by the representatives of Japan, the United States, Sweden, Turkey, Denmark, Belgium, Hungary, Spain, Switzerland, China, Algeria, Liechtenstein, Norway, Austria, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, the Republic of Korea and Germany.

The Chairman announced that pledges had also been received from Djibouti, Egypt, Iceland, the Netherlands and Tunisia.

A closing statement was made by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Sixty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 1997

1640th and 1641st (closed) meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by State parties under article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee began the adoption, in closed session, of concluding observations on reports considered at the present session.

THURSDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 1997

1642nd and 1643rd (closed) meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by State parties under article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee continued and concluded the adoption, in closed session, of concluding observations on reports considered at the present session.

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

FRIDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 1997

1644th meeting

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee discussed, in closed session, various issues under the item.

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [6]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item in closed session.

Organization of work

The Committee, in public session, agreed to schedule for consideration at its sixty-second session, to be held in New York from 23 March to 9 April 1998, the initial reports of Zimbabwe and Israel, the third periodic report of Cyprus and the fourth periodic reports of Uruguay and Ecuador. It also agreed on the composition of the Working Group scheduled to meet in New York from 16 to 20 March 1998 prior to the Committee's sixty-second session.

Closure of the session

The Chairperson declared closed the sixty-first session of the Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Lesotho
Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela

Asian States:
Uzbekistan
H.E. Mr. Alisher Vohidov

Eastern European States:
Belarus
H.E. M r. Alyaksandr Sychou

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Antigua and Barbuda
H.E. Mr. Patrick Albert Lewis

Western European and Other States:
Malta
H.E. Mr. George Saliba

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 1

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under all agenda items (items 62-83) (A/C.1/52/INF/1)

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 1

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [88] (A/52/209, A/C.4/52/L.9)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 11.30 a.m.	36th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Video conference panel discussion on "Havana +50: New challenges for the international trading system" to be moderated by Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD in New York, and by H.E. Mr. Nacer Benjelloun-Toumi, Permanent Representative of Morocco, in Geneva. The Panelists invited are: H.E. Mr. Tofail Ahmed, Minister for Commerce and Industry, Bangladesh, Mr. Douglas Worth, Chairman, Trade Committee of the U.S. Council for International Business, Washington, D.C., Mr. Eduardo Delgado-Bermudez, Director-General of the Cuban Association of the United Nations, Havana and Mr. Geza Feketekuty, Director, Center for Trade and Commercial Diplomacy, Monterey Institute of International Studies, San Diego. This is the fourth in a series of keynote addresses and panel discussions for the Second Committee, organized, in part, with the support of the United Nations University.

11.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	36th meeting (resumed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	37th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/52/3, A/52/175-E/1997/75, A/52/203-E/1997/85, A/52/212, A/52/222, A/52/354, A/C.2/52/5, E/1997/49, E/1997/INF/3/Add.1)

Introduction and general discussion

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals A/C.2/52/L.2 (item 95 (a)), (A/C.2/52/L.5 (item 99 (a)), A/C.2/52/L.7 and L.9 Iitem 99 (b))

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [107]

   Introductions of draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.28 and L.29**

2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [110]

   Introduction of draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.31

3. Programme of activities of the international Decade of the World's Indigenous People [109] (A/52/509)

   Introduction and general discussion

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* Re-issued for technical reasons.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Human resources management [153] (A/52/438, A/C.5/51/55 and Corr.1, A/52/7, paras. 107 to 112, and A/C.5/52/2)

   Continuation of general discussion

2. Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors [113] (A/52/261, A/52/381 and A/52/518)

   (b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/52/5/Add.4)

(c) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/52/5/Add.5)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116] (A/52/6 (Vol. II), A/52/16 and Add.1 and A/52/7 (Chapter II, Parts VII-XII))

Public information (Part VII section 26)

Administrative services (Part VIII section 27)
Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management (Part VIII section 27 A)
Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts (Part VIII section 27 B)
Office of Human Resources Management (Part VIII section 27 C)
Support services (Part VIII section 27 D)
Conference services (Part VIII section 27 E)
Administration, Geneva (Part VIII section 27 F)
Administration, Vienna (Part VIII section 27 G)
Administration, Nairobi (Part VIII section 27 H)

Internal oversight (Part IX section 28)

Jointly financed administrative expenses (Part X section 29)
Special expenses (Part X section 30)

Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance (Part XI section 31)

Staff assessment (Part XII)

Income section

General discussion

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Pattern of conferences (A/52/32 and Corr.1 (Chinese only) and Add.1, A/51/946 and Corr.1 (Russian only), A/52/215 and Add.1, A/52/216 and Add.1, A/52/291, A/52/340 and Add.1 and A/C.5/52/CRP.1))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 4

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property (A/52/294) [144]

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Morning*- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 26th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Procurement reform (A/52/534)

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), *today*, 11 November 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Copies of the advanced unedited version of the "Report of the Secretary-General on Observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (1996) and Recommendations for the Rest of the Decade", submitted under General Assembly agenda item 97 (f), are now available for delegations (outside of room S-2994).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 11 November 1997

GROUP OF 77 OF THE WHOLE
(on the United Nations reform)
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

ZONE OF PEACE AND COOPERATION OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

12 noon-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(on the Board of Auditors and the Office of Internal Oversight Services)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 97 (h))

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 98 (b), (c) and (e))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

4.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations for interested delegations will be held *today*, 11 November 1997, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8, to discuss a draft resolution relating to the comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations (agenda item 88).

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Announcement

As from Monday, 3 November 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 12 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m.	48th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/52/285);

(b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.13).

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 8

Informal consultations of the Coordinator on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 1

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	38th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	39th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 4

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 3

WORKING GROUP (ARTICLE 50)

Afternoon*	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

* Following the adjournment of the 27th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

There will be a briefing by Mr. Gert Rosenthal, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean, entitled "Revitalizing the Regional Commissions", on Wednesday, 12 November 1997 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows:

On 12 November: Mr. Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar), Mr. Amor (Special Rapporteur on the Elimination of all Forms of Religious Intolerance), Mr. Garreton (Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire), Mr. Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Burundi), Mr. Paik (Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan), Mr. Dieng (Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti), Mr. Deng (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons), Mr. Groth (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Cuba).

On 13 November: Mrs. Rehn (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)), Mr. Hammarberg (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Human Rights in Cambodia), Mr. Biro (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Sudan), Mr. Moussali (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda).

On 17 November: Mr. van der Stoel (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq), Mr. Copithorne (Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran).

Dialogue

There will be a dialogue with the Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, Ms. Sandra Mason, on Friday, 14 November 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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The Committee on Relations with the Host Country will meet on Thursday, 13 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to consider an addendum to the annual report of the Committee (A/AC.154/1997/CRP.2/Add.1).

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There will be a meeting of the Mason Group on Wednesday, 12 November 1997, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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The third meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group established pursuant to resolution 553 (XXVI) (Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean) will take place on Wednesday, 12 November 1997, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the General Assembly draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the World Social Summit on Wednesday, 12 November 1997, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal consultations will be held to discuss the draft resolution concerning the situation of human rights in the territory of the former Yugoslavia (agenda item 112 (Human Rights Questions)) on Thursday, 13 November 1997, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Informal presentation

Mr. Richard Feachem, Director of the Health, Nutrition and Population Team, and Mr. Alex Preker, Principal Economist of the Human Development Department, will make an informal presentation on "World Bank Strategies for Human Development" on Wednesday, 12 November 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The presentation is organized by the World Bank. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations, agencies and the press are invited to attend.

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Symposium

A symposium on the theme: "The United Nations and the Global Environment in the 21st Century: From Common Challenges to Shared Responsibilities", organized by the United Nations University, in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), will be held on Friday and Saturday, 14 and 15 November 1997, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

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Informal briefing

On behalf of the Friends of Microcredit at the United Nations, the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh, will hold an informal briefing on the follow-up of the Microcredit Summit held in Washington D.C. from 2 to 4 February 1997, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, on Monday, 17 November 1997, at 5.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The main presentation will be given by Professor Muhammad Yunus, Managing Director, Grameen Bank. In addition, a presentation will be given by Mr. Sam Daley-Harris, Director, Microcredit Summit Campaign. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 7 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 17th meeting

Introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security agenda items

The Committee concluded the third phase of its work, namely introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements by the representatives of Myanmar (who introduced draft resolution A.C.1/52/L.29), Nepal (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.3), India (who introduced the draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.14), Thailand, Brazil (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.35), Indonesia, Paraguay (on behalf of the Rio Group), the Niger, Mexico (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.16 and A/C.1/52/L.17), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.34), the Philippines, New Zealand, Pakistan (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.40), Algeria, Australia (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.23), Belgium, Finland, Israel (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.46), the United Kingdom, France, Egypt (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.4), the United States (also on behalf of the Russian Federation) (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.32/Rev.1), Japan, Germany, Canada (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.45), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, Egypt and the Russian Federation.

Monday, 10 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

47th plenary meeting

Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [48]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 48 and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-third session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 48.

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/52/1) [10]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 10.

Statements were made by the representatives of Iraq, the Philippines, Colombia, Slovenia, Brazil, Argentina, Belgium, Malaysia, Guyana, the Islamic Republic of Iran, India, the United States, Austria, the United Kingdom, Romania, Germany, Italy, Ireland and Bangladesh.

The Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/52/1).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 10.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 18th meeting

Note: The summary of the 18th meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/219).

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 14th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [88]

The Chairman drew attention to the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (A/52/209).

The representative of Egypt, in his capacity as Rapporteur of the Special Committee for Peacekeeping Operations, introduced the report of the Special Committee contained in document A/52/209.

The Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations made a statement.

The general debate began with statements by the representatives of Nigeria, Canada (who in the course of his statement, introduced draft resolution A/C.4/52/L.9), Thailand (on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries), Jordan, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union, as well as the following associated countries: Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Romania and Slovakia and Slovenia), China, the Niger, India, Ghana and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations replied to questions raised to in some of the statements in the general debate.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item the same day at 6 p.m.

SECOND COMMITTEE 34th and 35th meetings

Note: The summary of the 34th and 35th meetings of the Second Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/219).

THIRD COMMITTEE 31st meeting

Advancement of women [105]

Introduction of draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.15/Rev.1

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of Mongolia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, Germany, Finland, Lesotho, Malaysia, Mauritius, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [107]

Introduction of draft proposals

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.26

The representative of the Sudan, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Georgia and Jordan, introduced the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.27

The representative of Lesotho, on behalf of States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.30

The representative of Finland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Suriname and Uganda, introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Senegal, Chile, Benin, India, Mexico, Argentina, San Marino, Cuba and the Republic of Korea.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the sub-item.

Organization of work

The Committee agreed to cancel the meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 11 November.

The Chairman drew the attention of delegations to a letter from the President of the General Assembly regarding the Agreed Conclusions adopted by the Economic and Social Council on "Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system" (A/52/576).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 25th and 26th meetings

Note: The summary of the 25th and 26th meetings of the Fifth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/219).

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International Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 1997

299th meeting

The nineteenth session of the Committee was declared open by its Chairman.

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda (CAT/C/41).

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee adopted various decisions relating to this item.

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

Consideration of information received under article 20 of the Convention [5]

The Committee began its consideration of these items in closed session.

300th (closed) meeting

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee began its consideration of this item in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, adopted at the Second Meeting of the Parties at London on 29 June 1990

Ratification: Namibia (6 November 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations announces that a special signing center has been set up in room C-209B (between the Security Council and Trusteeship Council Chambers) for the purpose of accepting signatures from prospective co-sponsors of a draft resolution entitled "International Year of Volunteers: 2001", which will be introduced to the General Assembly on 20 November under agenda item 12. The center will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. from *today*, 11 November, to Friday, 14 November. For further information, please contact Mr. Yutaka Yoshino (521-1526) of the Japanese Mission.

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Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 12 November 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

12 noon	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq (S/1997/872)*

Other matters

* With a view to a formal meeting following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m.	48th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/52/285);

(b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.13).

(continued overleaf)

RESUMED TENTH EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 6th plenary meeting of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly will be held on Thursday, 13 November 1997, at 10 a.m. (see p. 6).

3 p.m.	49th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]:
   (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/52/285);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.13).
2. United Nations reform: measures and proposals [157]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950, Add.1 to 5 and Add.6*)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.17).

3 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 8

Informal consultations of the Coordinator on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance).

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* To be issued.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 1

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under all agenda items (items 62-83) (A/C.1/52/INF/1)

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 3

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [88] (A/52/209, A/C.4/52/L.9/Rev.1)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	38th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [97]
   (e) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)
   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.18
2. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [97]
   (g) Women in development
   (h) Human resources development
   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.17
3. Environment and sustainable development [98]
   (f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.19

4. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [97] (A/52/92, A/52/112, A/52/139, A/52/153-S/1997/384, A/52/163, A/52/217-S/1997/507, A/52/284, A/52/318, A/52/432, A/52/447-S/1997/775, A/52/460, A/52/514-S/1997/815)

   (f) First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (A/52/413, A/52/573, E/CN.5/1997/8 (Part II))

   Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	39th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97] (A/52/92, A/52/112, A/52/139, A/52/153-S/1997/384, A/52/163, A/52/217-S/1997/507, A/52/284, A/52/318, A/52/432, A/52/447-S/1997/775, A/52/460, A/52/514-S/1997/815)

(f) First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (A/52/413, A/52/573, E/CN.5/1997/8 (Part II))

General discussion (concluded)

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Human rights questions [112] (A/52/3, A/52/116, A/52/173, A/52/254-S/1997/567, A/52/262, A/52/286-S/1997/647, A/52/301-S/1997/668, A/52/347, A/52/432, A/52/437, A/52/447-S/1997/775)

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)] (A/52/468, A/52/469 and Add.1, A/52/473, A/52/474, A/52/475, A/52/483, A/52/489, A/52/494, A/52/498, A/52/548, A/52/567, A/52/477, A/52/66, A/52/81-S/1997/153, A/52/85-S/1997/180, A/52/117, A/52/125-S/1997/334, A/52/133-S/1997/348, A/52/134-S/1997/349, A/52/135, A/52/151, A/52/182, A/52/204, A/52/205)

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)] (A/52/497, A/52/502, A/52/515, A/52/527, A/52/472, A/52/476, A/52/479, A/52/484, A/52/486 and Add.1*, A/52/490, A/52/493, A/52/496, A/52/499, A/52/505, A/52/506, A/52/510, A/52/522, A/52/583, A/52/61-S/1997/68, A/52/64, A/52/125-S/1997/334, A/52/170)

4. Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [112 (d)] (A/52/36, A/52/182)

5. Human rights questions: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [112 (e)] (A/52/36, A/52/182)

   Introduction and general discussion

   Introductory statements by:

   Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar
   Special Rapporteur on the Elimination of all Forms of Religious Intolerance
   Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire)
   Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan
   Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti
   Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons
   Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Cuba

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [143] (A/51/432, A/51/530 and Corr.1, A/51/801, A/52/426, A/52/464 and A/C.5/52/12)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [114]

   Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/933 and A/52/339 and Add.1)

   Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 143 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/432, A/51/530 and Corr.1, A/51/801, A/52/426, A/52/464 and A/C.5/52/12)) and 114 (Review of the efficiency of the administration and financial functioning of the United Nations: Strengthening of the external oversight mechanisms (A/49/471 and Corr.1, A/49/633, A/49/368 and Corr.1 and A/51/674))

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* To be issued.

* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m. 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Pattern of conferences (A/52/32 and Corr.1 (Chinese only) and Add.1, A/51/946 and Corr.1 (Russian only), A/52/215 and Add.1, A/52/216 and Add.1, A/52/291, A/52/340 and Add.1 and A/C.5/52/CRP.1))

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* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Meeting of co-sponsors and interested delegations on draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.4 (Draft guiding principles for international negotiations)

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

10.45 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

WORKING GROUP (ARTICLE 50)

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

SIXTH COMMITTEE

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the International Law Commission

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* Following the adjournment of the meeting of the Working Group (Article 50).

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Procurement reform (A/52/534)
2. Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)

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SECOND COMMITTEE

There will be a briefing by Mr. Gert Rosenthal, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean, entitled "Revitalizing the Regional Commissions", *today*, 12 November 1997 from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to scheduling conflict, *today*'s briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General to press officers of the Permanent Missions at 12.30 p.m. in room 226 has been cancelled.

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Copies of the advanced unedited version of the "Report of the Secretary-General on Observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (1996) and Recommendations for the Rest of the Decade", submitted under General Assembly agenda item 97 (f), are now available for delegations (outside of room S-2994).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 12 November 1997

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 95 (b) and 96 (b))

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 97 (h) and 98 (e))

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(on the scale of assessments, the International Civil Service Commission and the Joint Inspection Unit)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 98 (e) and (b))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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There will be a meeting of the Mason Group *today*, 12 November 1997, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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The third meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group established pursuant to resolution 553 (XXVI) (Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean) will take place *today*, 12 November 1997, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Informal presentation

Mr. Richard Feachem, Director of the Health, Nutrition and Population Team, and Mr. Alex Preker, Principal Economist of the Human Development Department, will make an informal presentation on "World Bank in Human Development: Strategies for Health, Nutrition and Population" *today*, 12 November 1997, from *1.30 p.m.* to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The presentation is organized by the World Bank. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations, agencies and the press are invited to attend.

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Informal meeting

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT) will be held *today*, 12 November 1997, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 3 November 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 13 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Tenth emergency special session

10 a.m.	6th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Illegal Israeli actions in occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory: report of the Secretary-General (A/ES-10/16 and Add.1) [5].

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 1

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	40th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	41st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 41st meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 4
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 4
Afternoon**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

* Following the adjournment of the 27th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal meetings

Under the auspices of the Second Committee, the following executive briefings will be held:

Monday, 17 November 1997: Ms. Mary Robinson, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, on "Human rights and development";

Wednesday, 19 November 1997: Mr. Kieran Prendergast, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, on "Peace building and development";

Thursday, 20 November 1997: Mr. Yasushi Akashi, United Nations Emergency Relief Coordinator, on "Humanitarian crises and development".

The conference rooms and time of the briefings will be announced in due course.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows:

On 13 November: Mrs. Rehn (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)), Mr. Hammarberg (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Human Rights in Cambodia), Mr. Biro (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Sudan), Mr. Moussali (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda).

On 17 November: Mr. van der Stoel (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq), Mr. Copithorne (Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran).

Dialogue

There will be a dialogue with the Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, Ms. Sandra Mason, on Friday, 14 November 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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The Committee on Relations with the Host Country will meet on Thursday, 13 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in *Conference Room 6*, to consider an addendum to the annual report of the Committee (A/AC.154/1997/CRP.2/Add.1).

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations will be held to discuss the draft resolution concerning the situation of human rights in the territory of the former Yugoslavia (agenda item 112 (Human Rights Questions)) on Thursday, 13 November 1997, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Symposium

A symposium on the theme: "The United Nations and the Global Environment in the 21st Century: From Common Challenges to Shared Responsibilities", organized by the United Nations University, in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), will be held on Friday and Saturday, 14 and 15 November 1997, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

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Informal briefing

On behalf of the Friends of Microcredit at the United Nations, the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh, will hold an informal briefing on the follow-up of the Microcredit Summit held in Washington D.C. from 2 to 4 February 1997, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, on Monday, 17 November 1997, at 5.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The main presentation will be given by Professor Muhammad Yunus, Managing Director, Grameen Bank. In addition, a presentation will be given by Mr. Sam Daley-Harris, Director, Microcredit Summit Campaign. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 10 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 18th meeting

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 62 to 83 (A/C.1/52/INF.1)

The Committee began the fourth phase of its work, namely, action on draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security agenda items.

The representative of Uzbekistan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.44/Rev.1.

General statements on the resolutions dealing with "nuclear weapons" were made by the representatives of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Indonesia.

In explanation of their position before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Egypt and Israel.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.4* was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of their positions after the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Draft decision A/C.1/52/L.7 was adopted by a recorded vote of 148 to none, with 4 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, a statement was made by the representative of India.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.15 was adopted by a recorded vote of 95 to 30, with 28 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China, Japan and Tunisia.

In explanation of his position before action was taken on the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Mexico.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.17 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of his position after the adoption of the resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Israel.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.26 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of their positions after the adoption of the resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Spain and Israel.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.29 was adopted by a recorded vote of 97 to 39, with 17 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China, Chile and Japan.

In explanation of vote before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Uzbekistan, Cuba and Pakistan.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.32/Rev.1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 147 to none, with 8 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of India and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

In explanation of vote before the vote on draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.37, explanations were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States, Argentina, Sweden, South Africa and Egypt.

Preambular paragraph 10 of the draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 99 to 34, with 17 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 139 to 5, with 9 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 96 to 34, with 23 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.37 as a whole was adopted by a recorded vote of 103 to 26, with 24 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Greece, Japan, Germany, Gabon and Belgium.

In explanation of vote before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of India.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.38 was adopted by a recorded vote of 139 to 3, with 8 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Côte d'Ivoire and Israel.

In explanation of vote before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the Republic of Korea.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52L.41 was adopted by a recorded vote of 107 to none, with 48 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, a statement was made by the representative of India.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.44/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of their positions after the adoption of the resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Israel.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement on behalf of the Secretary-General in connection with draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.24

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.24 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of his position after the adoption of the resolution, the representative of Israel made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.25/Rev.2 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of their positions after the adoption of the resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan and India.

The representative of Belgium placed on record that his votes were cast also on behalf of the Benelux countries.

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

SECOND COMMITTEE 34th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(b) Trade and development

The Committee began consideration of the item and had before it the documentation listed in the *Journal*.

Introductory statements were made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the President of the Trade and Development Board of UNCTAD and the Director of the Microeconomic and Social Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were made by the representative of Bangladesh, the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Bangladesh, Ukraine, the Russian Federation, Ghana, Uruguay (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile and Paraguay), Tunisia, India, Cuba, Singapore (also on behalf of Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam) and Paraguay (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela and Honduras (for the Central American States)).

A statement was also made by the representative of the European Community, an intergovernmental organization.

35th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(b) Trade and development

The Committee continued consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mongolia (on behalf of the land-locked developing countries), Australia (also on behalf of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Fiji, Hungary, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Paraguay, the Philippines, Thailand and Uruguay), Belarus, Venezuela, China, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Burundi, Nepal, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Iraq, the Sudan, Kenya, Poland, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and South Africa.

The observer for Switzerland also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion on agenda item 95 (b).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 25th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

Human rights (Part VI section 22); Protection of and assistance to refugees (Part VI, section 23); Palestine refugees (Part VI, section 24); Humanitarian assistance (Part VI, section 25)

The Committee began its general discussion of Part VI of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions who introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/7 (Chapter II, Part VI)).

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination also introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/16).

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Norway), Algeria, Bahrain, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Cuba, Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), Bangladesh, China, the Syrian Arab Republic, Indonesia, the United States, Egypt and Japan.

The representative of Poland also made a statement.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of Part VI, sections 22 to 25.

Public information (Part VII, section 26)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/7 (Chapter II, Part VII))

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination also introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/16).

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Portugal, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mexico, Egypt and Cuba.

The Controller and the Director of the Programme Planning Budget Division responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of Part VII, section 26, pending a statement by the representative of Cuba at the next meeting.

Administrative services (Part VIII, section 27); Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management (Part VIII, section 27 A); Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts (Part VIII, section, 27 B); Office of Human Resources Management (Part VIII, section 27 C); Support services (Part VIII, section 27 D); Conference services (Part VIII, section 27 E); Administration, Geneva (Part VIII, section 27 F); Administration, Vienna (Part VIII, section 27 G); Administration, Nairobi (Part VIII, section 27 H)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/7 (Chapter II, Part VIII)).

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination also introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/16).

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic, Belgium, China, the Netherlands, Mexico, Pakistan, Egypt, the United Kingdom and Ireland.

The Secretary of the Committee responded to questions posed.

The Chairman also made a statement.

26th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [115]

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

Report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

The Committee resumed its general discussion of these agenda items and heard a statement by the representatives of Argentina (on behalf of the Rio Group).

The representative of the United States also made a statement.

A concluding statement was made by the Secretary of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [143] *(A/51/432, A/51/530 and Corr.1, A/51/801, A/52/426, A/52/464 and A/C.5/52/12)*

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [114]

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/933 and A/52/339)

The Committee resumed its general discussion of these agenda items and heard statements by the representatives of India, the Republic of Korea, Mozambique, Norway and the Russian Federation.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [138]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Director of the Peace-Keeping Financing Division who introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/519/Add.5 and Corr.1).

The related report of the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions was contained in document A/52/546.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion of this agenda item. The Chairman then informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would be conducted by Mr. Ihor Humenny (Ukraine).

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

Administrative services (Part VIII, section 27); Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management (Part VIII, section 27 A); Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts (Part VIII, section 27 B); Office of Human Resources Management (Part VIII, section 27 C); Support services (Part VIII, section 27 D); Conference services (Part VIII, section 27 E); Administration, Geneva (Part VIII, section 27 F); Administration, Vienna (Part VIII, section 27 G); Administration, Nairobi (Part VIII, section 27 H)

The Committee continued its general discussion of Part VIII of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Norway), Japan, Kenya, the United States, Pakistan, Mali, the Republic of Korea, Egypt, China, Thailand, the Syrian Arab Republic and Portugal.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The representatives of Algeria and Cuba made statements.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of Part VII, sections 27 and 27 A-H, pending statements by the representatives of Algeria and Cuba at the next meeting.

Internal oversight (Part IX, section 28)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/7 (Chapter II, Part IX)).

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination also introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/16).

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovenia, Cyprus and Liechtenstein), Norway, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Indonesia, Algeria, the United States and Pakistan.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The representative of Cuba also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of Part IX, section 28, pending statements by the representatives of Cuba and Egypt at the next meeting.

Jointly financed administrative expenses (Part X, section 29); Special expenses (Part X, section 30)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/7 (Chapter II, Part X)).

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination also introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/16).

Tuesday, 11 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 19th meeting

The Committee continued the fourth phase of its work, namely action on draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security agenda items.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.19 was adopted by a recorded vote of 101 to none, with 40 abstentions

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) and Tunisia. The representatives of Zimbabwe and Nigeria also made statements.

General statements on resolutions dealing with "conventional weapons" were made by the representatives of Sri Lanka, Slovenia, the Republic of Korea, Viet Nam, Haiti, Egypt, Pakistan, China and Swaziland.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.22 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of their positions after the adoption of the resolution, the representatives of Israel and Cuba made statements.

In explanation of vote before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of India.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.40 was adopted by a recorded vote of 153 to 1, with 2 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.30 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of position before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Ukraine.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.31 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation on their positions after the adoption of the resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan and Israel.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.33/Rev.2 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of its position after the adoption of the resolution, a statement was made by the representative of China.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 15th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [88]

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Japan, Singapore, the Russian Federation, Myanmar, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mozambique, Jamaica, Egypt, Burkina Faso, Haiti, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea, Cuba, Kuwait and the Sudan.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that on Monday, 17 November, the Committee would begin consideration of agenda item 89 (Questions relating to information). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

SECOND COMMITTEE 36th meeting

The Committee held a Video Conference Panel Meeting on "Havana+50: New challenges for the international trading system" moderated by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD in New York and the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations Office at Geneva.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

The Committee began consideration of the item and had before it the documentation listed in the *Journal*.

An introductory statement was made by the Officer-in-Charge of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department for Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union; Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia and the associated country, Cyprus, aligned themselves with this statement) and the Russian Federation.

37th meeting

The Committee continued consideration of agenda item 12.

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan (in his capacity as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics), China, Norway, Ukraine, Mozambique, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the People's Republic of China, Belarus, Australia, Egypt, the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Samoa, Venezuela, Japan, Jamaica, Israel, the Czech Republic, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Singapore and Canada.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 97 (h) was Wednesday, 12 November, at 6 p.m., and at 6 p.m. on Thursday, 13 November, for draft proposals submitted under agenda item 98 (a) and (g).

THIRD COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

Note: The summary of the 32nd meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/220).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 27th meeting

Human resources management [153] *(A/52/438, A/C.5/51/55 and Corr.1, A/52/7, paras. 107 to 112, and A/C.5/52/2)*

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of the United States, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Thailand and China.

Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors [113]

(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

(c) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Chairman of the Board of Auditors who introduced the reports of the Board (A/52/5/Add.4, A/52/5/Add.5, A/52/261 and A/52/381).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/52/518).

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

Public information (Part VII, section 26)

The Committee resumed its general discussion of Part VII of this agenda item and heard a statement by the representative of Cuba.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

Administrative services (Part VIII, section 27); Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management (Part VIII, section 27 A); Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts (Part VIII, section 27 B); Office of Human Resources Management (Part VIII, section 27 C); Support services (Part VIII, section 27 D); Conference services (Part VIII, section 27 E); Administration, Geneva (Part VIII, section 27 F); Administration, Vienna (Part VIII, section 27 G); Administration, Nairobi (Part VIII, section 27 H)

The Committee resumed its general discussion of Part VIII of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Algeria and Cuba.

Internal oversight (Part IX, section 28)

The Committee resumed its general discussion of Part IX of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Cuba and Egypt.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

Jointly financed administrative expenses (Part X, section 29); Special expenses (Part X, section 30)

The Committee resumed its general discussion of Part X of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of the United States, Algeria and Cuba.

The Controller made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on sections 29 and 30.

Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance (Part XI, section 31)

The Committee began its general discussion of Part XI of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Thailand, Cuba and the Philippines.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on section 31.

Staff assessment- Income section (Part XII, section 32)

The Committee concluded its general discussion on section 32.

Statements were made by the United States, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) and Pakistan.

The Chairman made a statement informing the Committee that this agenda item would remain open.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium, Cuba, Egypt, Togo, New Zealand, Ireland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Singapore, Pakistan, Australia and Kenya.

The Chairman informed the Committee as to the scheduling of informal consultations for the afternoon.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 26th meeting

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [144]

Statements were made by the representatives of Paraguay (on behalf of the Group of Rio), France, Japan, the United States, China, the Netherlands, Austria, Paraguay (on its own behalf) and Slovakia.

United Nations Decade of International Law: draft guiding principles for international negotiations [146 (c)]

It was announced that Uruguay had joined the list of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.4.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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International Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Nineteenth session
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301st and 302nd meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee considered the second periodic report of Cyprus (CAT/C/33/Add.1). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

The Committee also discussed the drafted Optional Protocol.

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, 14 October 1994

Ratification: Chile (11 November 1997)*

Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 21 May 1997

Signature: Portugal (11 November 1997)

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations announces that a special signing center has been set up in room C-209B (between the Security Council and Trusteeship Council Chambers) for the purpose of accepting signatures from prospective co-sponsors of a draft resolution entitled "International Year of Volunteers: 2001", which will be introduced to the General Assembly on 20 November under agenda item 12. The center will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. until Friday, 14 November. For further information, please contact Mr. Yutaka Yoshino (521-1526) of the Japanese Mission.

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Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

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